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**Subject:** MLPAComments: Re: MLPA Central Coast Study Regions

From my experience, this letter is well written and a good summation of how the general "user" public experienced the past actions and also shows the same public's concerns. Most of the public I have interaction with would not put this so kindly. The public is gearing up for some massive opposition to "no take" and any access restrictions. The groups involved with the MLPA process need to take the entire state's population needs into consideration and not use statistics which are most likely perverted. More consideration must be used for groups with prescriptive rights and not just special interest groups wanting everything protected. Also, Commercial harvest/fishing is a serious problem and needs to be looked at the possibility of removal from the near-shore but maintain all access for recreational fishing.

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*Note: 'this letter' refers to the February 17, 2005 letter of C. Phipps <cphipps@upwelling.org>*